

**REMARKS**

In accordance the Decision on Petition dated December 20, 2004, the above-identified application has been withdrawn from issue, and prosecution on the merits has been reopened.

Applicants are submitting this Amendment for entry in the above-identified application. This Amendment is being made to reflect the agreement reached between Examiner Crane and Applicants representative in a telephone interview on February 2, 2005.

Before addressing the merits of this Supplemental Response, Applicants wish to thank Examiner Crane for his courtesy extended to their representative and for his helpful suggestions.

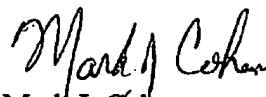
Claims 1 and 31 were amended to reflect the amendments made by Examiner Crane in the Notice of Allowability mailed on July 28, 2004. In addition, in accordance with the amendments made by Examiner Crane in the Notice of Allowability, Claims 14-23 were cancelled without prejudice. Applicants, however, have not abandoned the deleted subject matter therein, and reserve the right to file one or more continuation applications directed to the deleted subject matter.

In addition, in accordance with the discussions had on February 2, 2005, Claims 7, 12 and 13 were cancelled without prejudice and then added to the application as new Claims 33, 34 and 35 respectively. In this way, these claims depend on earlier claims in the listing.

Examiner Crane indicated that if these amendments to the claims were made, the present application would be allowable.

Inasmuch as Applicants have made the amendments agreed to in the telephone interview, it is respectfully submitted that the present case is in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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